

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 933

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A RESOLUTION honoring the 125th anniversary of Watkins
College of Art, Design & Film.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to recognize those institutions of higher education that are celebrating momentous occasions in their illustrious histories; and

WHEREAS, Watkins College of Art, Design & Film, which is celebrating the 125th anniversary of its founding, is one such institution wholly deserving of the recognition of this Body; and

WHEREAS, in 1885, Watkins's founder, Samuel Watkins, established an educational institution that provided an affordable and easily-accessible education to the citizens of Nashville who were without the ability to attain an education or better their lives; and

WHEREAS, Watkins has operated continuously since its founding in 1885 and it remains committed to the legacy of Samuel Watkins to this day; and

WHEREAS, an independent four-year college offering baccalaureate degrees in the visual arts, Watkins offers Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in Film, Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Interior Design, and Photography, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Art; and

WHEREAS, an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, Watkins is also a candidate for accreditation with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

WHEREAS, the only independent college in its community devoted exclusively to visual arts education, Watkins enrolls students from all over the United States and from foreign countries; approximately 400 degree-seeking students attend each year and about 1,000 local children, teens, and adults attend the community education classes; and

WHEREAS, with a diverse student body and a faculty acclaimed for its members' professional work and academic backgrounds, Watkins College of Art, Design & Film is a bastion of arts education which truly fulfills its commitment to a learning-centered environment that challenges the student to engage the mind, train the eye, and cultivate talent and skill into an active realization of creative potential; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate the founding of this valuable institution, the college will host its eighth annual Founder's Day Celebration on April 24, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Watkins College of Art, Design & Film has produced countless distinguished designers, filmmakers, and artists in its 125 years, and it is appropriate that we honor the school upon its most recent achievement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and honor the 125th anniversary of the continued successful operation and growth of Watkins College of Art, Design & Film.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.